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STEAM TO SHOALHAVEN, ALL PARTS OF THE RIVER.—The fast and favourite Paddle Steamer **OSWOWN**, THIS DAY, at 4 p.m., from the PATENT SLIP WHARF. All freights payable in Sydney.
G. F. MASON, Agent.

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GARROD, MCKIMAN, and CO.,
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Ferry.—Repairs at reasonable rates. J. GRAHAM and SON.
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 Patenting Patent, Sydney.
 First-class Workmen and Machinery for International and coast
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London fashion, and a very comfortable hat. Price
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FINAL PERFORMANCE OF MISS MAGGIE MOORE. MR. J. C. WILLIAMSON, MR. J. C. WILLIAMSON, MR. J. C. WILLIAMSON.

THE UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS OF MISS MAGGIE MOORE. Can be confidently placed as THE GREATEST ENTERTAINMENT ever offered to the Sydney public.

THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING, JANUARY 29. The performance will commence with the comedy drama of KERRY.

And conclude with the world famous Irish drama, "THE UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS OF MISS MAGGIE MOORE."

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PERFORMED BY THEM WITH GREAT SUCCESS IN DUBLIN, LONDON, AND FOR 4 MONTHS.

THE ROYAL ADELPHI THEATRE, LONDON. Identical to the Drama, Miss Maggie Moore will sing the original song composed expressly for her by G. W. Hill, Esq., of London.

"SHAN DEAR MY OWN," and will give a stirring rendition of "WEARING OF THE GREEN," received everywhere with enthusiasm.

The sole right of producing "Arrah-na-Pogue" in the Australian colonies has been purchased by Mr. J. C. Williamson, from the author, Don Boucicault.

Box Office at Nicholson and Ascherberg's, George-street.

THE PERFORMANCE WILL COMMENCE AT A QUARTER TO 8 O'CLOCK PRECISELY.

QUEEN'S THEATRE. Lowest and Managers: Messrs. Hildrick, Hayman, and Co. Stage Manager: Mr. George Atkins.

TO-NIGHT, Thursday, January 29, 1880. ELEVENTH APPEARANCE WITH CONTINUED SUCCESS.

VICTORIA LOFTS TROUPE OF SPECIALTY AND NOVELTY ARTISTS. Song, Dance, Farce, Comedy, and Burlesque.

STAGE STRUCK CHAMBERMAID. SUCCESS! HARRY LE CLAIR.

THE FRENCH DANCING MASTER. RICKY AND MORTIMER.

REHEARSAL, or, ILLUSION BLUNDERS.

Opera house at 7.30, commencing at 8 o'clock. Carriages at 10.30. SPECIAL NOTICE: The above is a new and original Drama, which has been produced in the Australian colonies.

KELLY AND LEON'S OPERA HOUSE. Carriage of King and York streets.

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NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28. THE PRESIDENT took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

PAPERS. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON laid on the table the minutes of the proceedings of the International Meteorological Conference held at Sydney on the 13th, 14th, and 15th November last.

THE DOCUMENTS were ordered to be printed. SIR JOHN ROBERTSON presented a petition from Roman Catholic inhabitants of the Richmond River against the Public Instruction Bill.

THE PETITION was received. INCREASE OF DUTIES ON WINES AND SPIRITS. Messages were received from the Legislative Assembly forwarding a bill for the increase of duties on imported wine and spirits, and for the increase of duties on colonial spirits, and for the increase of duties on the importation of spirits.

SIR JOHN ROBERTSON moved that the bill be read a first time, which was agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be printed.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL. THE PRESIDENT read a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding a Temporary Supply Bill, providing for services of the year 1880, and asking the concurrence of the Council to such a measure.

ON THE MOTION OF SIR JOHN ROBERTSON the bill was read a first time, and a motion was also agreed to that such of the standing orders should be suspended as would prevent the consideration of the bill.

THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL was agreed to, and the House went into committee for the consideration of the bill in detail.

SIR JOHN ROBERTSON said that in order to be consistent he must protest against this Temporary Supply Bill being brought on in this manner. He took particular objection to the bill on the present occasion, in addition to a sum of £20,000 for the ordinary expenses of the Government for the year 1880, it was proposed to vote the large sum of £251,318 for various other services, making an enormous sum for the year 1880.

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and taxed secondly by private speculators. The great drawback to the people of New South Wales is that they are not plundered enough. We are not much surprised at Mr. BUCHANAN'S conversion from free trade, seeing that his former creed rested on little or no reason, and so much on impulse. He explains to us that he was a free trader on the English side, and now he can see nothing in English free trade, but a repeal of the corn laws, and that too, notwithstanding the immense reforms in the tariff effected by Sir ROBERT PEEL and Mr. GLADSTONE. Mr. BUCHANAN assures the people of New South Wales that England is getting heartily sick of free trade, and is turning to protection, its great intellects leading the way. This will probably be news in England, and English leaders may well ask themselves whether their utterances are at all ambiguous, that they should be so misinterpreted on the other side of the world. We are also assured on the same unimpeachable authority that England is being deluged with American manufactures; although we have a proof to the contrary in our own International Exhibition, of which, consistently enough, Mr. BUCHANAN has been one of the deriders. Every one who inspects the British Court will see that in nearly every article for which it has been distinguished, England holds her own, both as to quality and as to price. There is no such extraordinary misstatement as those in which Mr. BUCHANAN indulged on Tuesday evening cannot be in a very good way, and if his recent conversion has no better support than what he has hitherto shown, he is a convert whom it is little worth while to win as it would be to recover.

We have frequently insisted upon the importance of every South Welshman, who is capable of the journey, visiting the Exhibition, and deriving some share of the advantages which it has cost his country, and consequently himself, so much to bring within his reach. At least a quarter of a century will elapse before such an opportunity is afforded to him again. There is, however, a feeling amongst large classes of the rural population that the Exhibition was called into being more for the benefit of the city of Sydney than of the colony at large, and that to them it was somewhat of a Barmecide's feast, spread before them in the Palace and the accounts of their richer neighbours, but that to partake of on account of the expense of the journey. We are therefore glad to learn from the Executive Commissioner's last report to the Exhibition Commissioners that he intends, with their sanction, to propose to the Government to run excursion trains at very low rates, with a view to the increased facilities for visiting the Exhibition to country residents. The plan which Mr. JENNINGS proposes is an adaptation of that successfully carried out at the Ballarat Juvenile Exhibition, where a trainload of children were taken a distance of 400 miles at the rate of two shillings a head. Without consulting quite so minutely with the Government, but with advantage run special trains at the lowest rate sufficient to cover their expenses. The Victorian system of forming local committees responsible for the sale of a certain number of tickets commends itself as preventing useless trains, and enabling the railway authorities to form an estimate of the number of trains which the Exhibition will require. We also welcome Mr. JENNINGS' suggestion that additional facilities should be offered to induce children to visit the Garden Palace, though it falls far short of what ought to have been done towards utilizing the exhibits in that direction. The colony, it is true, has a large sum in connection with the Exhibition, but if a more liberal policy is pursued with regard to it, we shall yet get good interest upon our outlay. We have cast our bread upon the waters, and shall find it after many days.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THERE has been a misunderstanding between the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Lord Mayor of Dublin, the former declining the invitation of the latter to an official dinner because the Mayor recently presided at a meeting of Home Rulers. A later cable message, however, states that the Lord Mayor has attended the dinner, and that the Lord Lieutenant has attended the Lord-Lieutenant's levee. With regard to Afghanistan, it is reported that England has arranged with Persia that, in case certain events occur, the latter Power is to occupy Herat. The Hon. James Russell Lowell, LL.D., who is appointed representative of the United States at the Court of St. James, has been known in the literary world as a critic and the author of several poems and miscellaneous works. One of the most remarkable of his works was the "Biglow Papers." He edited the *American Review*, and other periodicals of high character. He graduated at Harvard University, and in 1855 succeeded Longfellow as professor of modern languages and belles-lettres in Harvard College. In 1874 he was offered, but declined, the post of Minister to Russia. Our commercial telegrams report a rise of from 10s. to 20s. per ton in copper. The tin and other markets are unaltered.

In the Legislative Council, yesterday, the Lands Act Amendment Bill was further considered in committee. Clause 14 to 22 were read, and the further consideration of the measure was then postponed until to-day.

Tax Stamp Duties formed the subject of discussion in the Legislative Assembly yesterday, from the time the questions had been answered and the formal business transacted, until a few minutes past midnight. The clauses from 41 to the end of clause 60, were discussed and passed, some of them having been amended. There only remain now eight clauses and the schedule to be considered.

Tax following was the attendance at the Garden Palace, yesterday:—Season ticket-holders, 445; general public, 8886; children, 548; exhibitors and attendants, 806, 88; 788; miscellaneous, 192; total, 8069. The horse show in the Garden Palace grounds commences to-morrow, and the daily parade of horses is also a special attraction. We have been requested to state that Mr. Laid, and all stock sired by him, will be shown in a small ring, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It is specially intimated that the next general horticultural show will take place on the 17th instead of the 24th February, as previously announced. We are requested to state that the next meeting of the Exhibition Commission will be held on Friday, February 6.

Mr. R. M. S. Assam, with the inward English mails via Suva, arrived in Hobson's Bay last evening. Had she reached there three or four hours earlier, the Sydney portion of her mails might have been dispatched earlier, and delivered in Sydney to-morrow morning.

As it is to be Saturday morning before the mails are delivered in Sydney. This, however, is not attributable to the steamer, for the Assam made a splendid run from Galle, and reached Melbourne six days in advance of contract time.

We learn from Messrs. Bright, Brothers, and Co., that the H.M.S. Brisbane arrived at Singapore on the 21st instant, all well.

We have received a copy of the merchandise rates for the Great Southern, Western, and Richmond, and Great Northern railways, published in pamphlet form at the Government Printing Office. Instead of the long sheet previously issued, from which it was difficult to get the information required, the tables are arranged with a view to easy reference. With the rate sheets are enclosed lists of the stations, sidings, and platforms, and their distances from Sydney and Newcastle, a list of the platforms, sidings, &c., for which platform tickets must be used when goods are sent to them; a list of towns in the colony, with the names of the railway station to which goods should be consigned to reach those towns, and giving very useful information, together with other particulars specially valuable to all who have to use the railway.

As a proof of the popularity of the steam tramway in Sydney, it may be mentioned that over 19,000 persons patronized the tramcars on Anniversary Day, all of whom were conveyed between the end of Hunter-street and the railway terminus at Redfern with safety and expedition. It is scarcely too much to say that every person who has travelled on the tramway and has afterwards had to endure the jolting and discomfort of

THE NEW ELECTORAL BILL.

From the papers ordered to be printed by Parliament on the 14th of this month we have prepared the following arrangements of the proposed electoral law under the new bill of the Government, from several points of view. Leaving out the University of Sydney, because it is the only exception from the rule of local representation, and also the Gold-Fields, which are to be disfranchised, the first view may be presented as follows:—

THE NEW BILL.			
Constituencies with	No. of Constituencies	No. of Members	No. of Electors
Three members	5	15	34,400
Two ditto	24	48	104,400
One ditto	39	39	61,916
Total	68	102	175,133

THE PRESENT ACT.			
Constituencies with	No. of Constituencies	No. of Members	No. of Electors
Four members	2	8	24,588
Three ditto	6	18	17,015
One ditto	69	69	132,934
Total	77	95	174,537

The two electorates with four members each, which are East and West Sydney, are to be subdivided, and with South Sydney, Mudgee, and Northumberland, will constitute the five new three-member constituencies. But amongst these there is the greatest inequality, ranging from one member for every 15,000 voters in Northumberland to one for every 25,000 voters in East Sydney. The electorates with two members each are to be increased from six to twenty-four, and they will have a member for every 14,000 voters against an average of 15,000 voters per seat in the thirty-nine one-member electorates. But here also there are great variations, the Hastings and the Manning, for instance, having two members for 21,500 electors, while Cook is to have only two for 4700, and Balmain only one for 2690 electors on the rolls; although Murrumbidgee and the Paterson each for 12,000, retain their members. These are instances of over-representation of the same locality not easily justifiable. The reason cannot be the distance of these constituencies from the seat of Government, for their comparative extent of area, for Bourke, Gundagai, Gungahlin, the Tumut, and Wellington have each one member for 19,000 voters, the Richmond one for 18,000, and the Murrumbidgee two for 8900. The result of the whole is that we are to have a member of Parliament for every 1717 electors on the rolls, which is a reduction by one-third of the present number of voters per member, and a corresponding reduction in the relative power of each member's vote upon a division.

The second view of the case is a comparison between the country and the metropolitan electorates, as follows:—

THE NEW BILL.			
In the	No. of Constituencies	No. of Members	No. of Electors
Metropolitan area	10	21	49,813
Country	58	81	125,320
Total	68	102	175,133

THE PRESENT ACT.			
In the	No. of Constituencies	No. of Members	No. of Electors
Metropolitan area	7	14	48,813
Country	70	81	125,724
Total	77	95	174,537

As there have been considerable changes of boundaries in the schedule now before Parliament, the comparison here presented must not be pressed too closely. It shows, however, that under the existing law it takes 1190 voters to elect a member of Parliament for the Sydney and the suburbs than for the rest of the country in a House of 99 local members; and under the new bill it will take 812 more voters in a House of 102 local members. In other words, the metropolitan constituencies have 38.32 per cent. of the total number of electors on the rolls of the colony, and it is proposed to give them 20.1 per cent. of the representation, while the remaining 71.68 per cent. of the number of electors will command 79.1 per cent. of the representation. The following analysis of the country representation may throw some light on the matter:—

Divisions of colony.	Electors on rolls.	Seats.	No. of voters per seat.
Northern District	28	30	46,540
South Coast	22	24	36,238
Western District	14	22	36,238
Total	64	76	119,016

Constituencies.	Seats.	Electors on rolls.	Electors per seat.
Hastings and Manning	2	21,500	10,750
Murrumbidgee	2	12,000	6,000
Paterson	2	12,000	6,000
Richmond	1	19,000	19,000
Wellington	1	19,000	19,000
Gundagai	1	19,000	19,000
Gungahlin	1	19,000	19,000
Tumut	1	19,000	19,000
Total	14	140,000	10,000

Constituencies.	Seats.	Electors on rolls.	Electors per seat.
The Murrumbidgee	2	12,000	6,000
The Paterson	2	12,000	6,000
The Richmond	1	19,000	19,000
The Wellington	1	19,000	19,000
The Gundagai	1	19,000	19,000
The Gungahlin	1	19,000	19,000
The Tumut	1	19,000	19,000
Total	10	100,000	10,000

Thus it appears that even under the proposed redistribution of seats and increase of members 90,831 electors in the over-represented constituencies will be able to return 92 members, and the remaining 84,302 electors of the colony will be left with only 40 members, a disproportion which ought not to exist in a measure which professes to deal almost exclusively with a rectification of our electoral inequality. In twelve of the most favoured constituencies 17,988 electors have fifteen members allotted to them, against the same number for 88,576 electors in seven of the least favoured constituencies. Absolute equality is impossible in any practical electoral scheme, but it ought not to be difficult to make a nearer approach than this, unless some very substantial reasons can be given for the diversities indicated.

To those who wish to study this matter in the light of the gross inequalities that still prevail in the electoral system of the United Kingdom, the following information will be found useful. It is collated and recalculated from particulars supplied in several official and other documents. The population is for the census year 1871, the number of voters is for 1876, and the amount of income tax is from the published aggregate payments for the year 1874-5, as similar particulars are not yet available for a later date. The Universities are left out, but it may be noticed in passing that England has three of these with five members, and 12,487 electors; Scotland four, with two members, for 3898 electors; or, altogether, eight universities, sharing among them nine Parliamentary seats for 34,710 voters, which gives one seat for

every 3898 voters. The rest may be classified as follows:—

Analysis of Constituencies.	Population.	Electors.	Members.	Income Tax.
191 boroughs	1,485,520	506,488	246	£276,679
40 other ditto	1,006,248	1,270,793	114	£408,117
102 counties	2,911,244	403,291	240	£20,010
57 other ditto	1,027,153	617,006	119	£207,955
410 total	5,424,165	2,897,578	619	£902,761

Here are 191 borough constituencies that have twice as many members for half-a-million voters as the other 60 large boroughs that have nearly two and a half times as many voters on the rolls and pay seven times as much income tax. In the counties there is a similar disparity, and between the county and borough representation altogether there is the greatest inequality. The following comparison may bring that out in the most prominent manner:—

Constituencies.	No. of Electors.	Income Tax.	Members.
191 over-represented boroughs.	2,036	£3,135	246
102 ditto counties	3,022	£2,701	240
40 under-represented boroughs.	1,117	£6,127	114
57 ditto counties	5,139	£19,955	119
410 total	4,486	£15,407	619

If the dwellers in great cities and towns are to be thus practically disfranchised in spite of their numbers and their contribution to the revenue, it is incumbent upon the advocates of electoral monopolies to show good cause for the system they defend. Possession may be nine parts of the law in difficult matters of litigation, but an Electoral Reform Bill cannot be wrong at the outset, and must not be so worked as to perpetuate the evils it professes to remove.

THE URSO CONCERTS.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that we inform our readers of the extended stay of the great artist who came amongst us one short week ago. We confess that one of the greatest forms of pleasure, that of anticipation, was materially lessened by the thought that the intellectual edifying entertainments which have lately been furnished to us during the past few days were to close, that the welcome would also be a farewell. On many rounds we rejoice and cheerily welcome the hearty support accorded to the famous Camilla Uro, Sydney has shown that her people are prompt to recognise sterling merit, and, after our musical basking of recent years, the present will be an agreeable reminder to coming artists of our capacity to appreciate genuine interpreters of the divine art when they honour us with a visit.

After the first concert, one who had not heard Madame Uro freely expressed his opinion that "Sydney did not want great artists to come and take the money out of the colony." Narrow-minded people, he forgot that money is spent in bringing artists to the colony, that all our visitors must first make a positive outlay, with at the best a problematic return; and if a great artist gets a certain musical compensation for the expense, the risk, and labour of a colonial tour, who will we assert that the artist's gain is at all commensurate with the advantage it affords the colony? In a young community which, in all pertaining to art, is in its infancy, how inculcable is the benefit to be derived from intercourse with those who have patiently toiled, and incessantly battled through the drudgery of an apprenticeship to art, and who, having climbed to the top-most rung in the ladder of fame, bring their culture and experience to our very doors. And this benefit has Camilla Uro most thoroughly conferred upon New South Wales. She comes to us in the meridian of her powers to charm, delight, and elevate us by the best display of her rare talents, and mindful of the duties which her supremacy exacts, she surrounds herself with a company worthy in a large degree to be associated in her mission of disseminating art, and artistic tastes, and of exercising a refining influence upon all manners and customs of the people. Mrs. Uro appeared as the last soloist in the first part, playing sonata by Rast, composed nearly one hundred years ago, and from that fact apart from its merits, has a considerable interest for the musical student. It consists of three movements—introduction, fugue, and adagio—and has many quaint effects. The fugue is one of the forms of the name of the early fiddle-gigs, gigue, gigue, and is also the name of a delightful "Gigue Song" of Gottschalk. In the second part Mrs. Uro appeared after the announcement of her prolonged stay had been made. The enthusiastic reception awarded to that statement must have assured the lady of the extended pleasure conveyed thereby; her appearance was greeted with great enthusiasm, and could not fail to impress the artist with the thorough heartiness of the general regard, respect, and admiration which she had elicited. "Gigue Song" of Gottschalk, in the second part Mrs. Uro appeared after the announcement of her prolonged stay had been made. The enthusiastic reception awarded to that statement must have assured the lady of the extended pleasure conveyed thereby; her appearance was greeted with great enthusiasm, and could not fail to impress the artist with the thorough heartiness of the general regard, respect, and admiration which she had elicited.

On the ear fall the familiar strain "St. Patrick's Day is the Morning." Astonishment overpowered all other sentiment at first, but as the fact revealed itself there was a visible ripple of amusement across nearly every face. The applause had already reached such vociferous proportions and was so vociferously demonstrated that increase was impossible, and we can truly say that each appearance and performance of the highly talented and accomplished artist, and their well-earned reception. "Lo, here the Gentle Lark" was as delightful as all of its bearing, and the encore, "Bessie, the Maid O'Dundee," a vivid contrast. The second, Cowen's song, "It was a dream," has been attempted in Sydney, but, to our hearing, was sung for the first time last evening. Miss Sargent repeated the song, and this time, with the same audience, and "Robin Adair" was given with the same success. Miss Sargent's share in these delightful gatherings has been a worthy attractive one, and Madame Uro may well be proud of so apt a pupil. Signor Paladini sang a cavatina from "Ernani," an aria from "Don Giovanni," and took part in the great duet from "Linda." A "consolador," which was excellently rendered. The singer sang the piece each solo. Monsieur Surcouf sang the composition of the French composer, which, to the credit of the taste of the audience, secured an encore, which consisted of a nocturne by Chopin—one of the best efforts which we have heard at the hands of this skilful executant. In the second part, M. Sargent repeated Liszt's "Night-gale," with excellent effect. The opening duet comprised two of Brahms' characteristic Hungarian dances, most artistically performed. For the first time, we were pleased to hear Scherck would soften his playing last night; he, on one or two occasions, was too prominent when accompanying Mme. Uro.

Mr. Lazar announced a second series of concerts, particulars of which will doubtless be made known without delay. We repeat our hearty pleasure in the renewal of our feast, and look with intense interest for a re-announcement of a musical season, which must be of inestimable advantage to the art progress of the colony.

CHINESE CHARITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.
Sir,—There is no class in this community has been so libelled and abused—both by the lauding classes and by the sneering classes—as the Chinese. The Chinese are, then—the Chinese resident here, and yet, whether it be the Sydney Infirmary list of subscribers or those of other charitable institutions, they are their names down a long list of names, and they are not to be equalled, much less excelled by any other community of like resources.

"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin," and in charity, at least, the Chinaman has fully proved that he is as good a man as his brother, and in future should be so-called Christians be again inclined to use the argument of sticks and stones with him, or rather against him, it is to be hoped they will also remember his charity now, and be a little less truculent and brutal.

R. D. ADAMS.

THEY DIED, at 11 a.m.—The attention of private gentlemen and others directed to the fact that the body of the late Mr. R. D. Adams, who died on Monday last, will be placed at the disposal of the public at 11 a.m. to-day.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

OUR SPECIAL TELEGRAM.

(FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.)

THE AVOCA GOLD ROBBERY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.
The action brought by Elliston, at one time mate of the P. and O. Company's steamer Avoca, and who was arrested on suspicion in connection with the robbery of five thousand sovereigns from that vessel, has been settled, the Company paying a handsome compensation.

ENGLAND AND PERSIA.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

Telegrams from Teheran state that England and Persia have arranged that Persia, on the occurrence of certain events, is to occupy Herat.

(REUTERS TELEGRAMS.)

THE VICEROY OF IRELAND AND HOME RULE.

LONDON, JAN. 27.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, replying to an invitation from the Lord Mayor of Dublin to an official dinner, refused to accept the invitation, because the Lord Mayor recently presided at a meeting of Home Rulers held in Dublin.

JAN. 28.

It is understood that the difficulty between the Viceroy and the Mayor of Dublin is settled, the latter having attended the Viceroy's levee at the Castle.

THE UNITED STATES MINISTER AT LONDON.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 26.

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of the Hon. James Russell Lowell, LL.D., as representative of the United States at the Court of St. James.

THE BISHOP OF ADELAIDE.

LONDON, JAN. 28.

The Pope has received Bishop Reynolds of Adelaide.

THE ACONAGUA (s.).

LONDON, JAN. 27.

The steamship Aconagua arrived at Suva yesterday.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

PARAMATTIA.

WEDNESDAY.

The Amateur Dramatic Club gave an entertainment to-night, the proceeds of which are for the benefit of the Irish Famine Relief Fund. The play selected was "Still Waters Run Deep," which went well.

WINDSOR.

WEDNESDAY.

A public meeting, convened by requisition, presided over by the Mayor, in favour of the Irish Relief Fund, was held last evening in the School of Arts, but was only thinly attended. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Sheehy, Messrs. Smith, Greenwell, and others. The sum subscribed at the meeting was about £36.

NEWCASTLE.

WEDNESDAY.

Three men, named respectively Neate, Freer, and Jones, all married, left here on a fishing excursion to Port Stephens, a month ago, intending to be absent a fortnight. They have never since been heard of, and much anxiety prevails regarding their fate. Their boat is supposed to have foundered.

On the Newcastle cricket ground this afternoon Mr. Enoch Cockerill essayed to kill fifteen out of twenty bats for a wager of £25. He failed, and also failed, for a wager afterwards of £20, to shoot fourteen out of twenty.

Collectors are canvassing the district for funds in aid of indigent miners and their families at the Globe.

CENTRAL KEMPSEY.

WEDNESDAY.

At a numerously attended public meeting, held in the School of Arts, Central Kempsey, £187 was paid or promised towards the Irish Famine Fund. Mr. Casey presided, and Messrs. Deane, Duffy, Humphrey, Rev. Mr. Grey, and Messrs. Paterson, Quinn, Dangar, Kerrigan, Hill, Lory, Walker, and O'Brien addressed the meeting. A committee was formed, and collectors were appointed to make a house to house canvass. Messrs. Duffy and Walker were appointed secretaries, and Messrs. J. B. Casey and O. Dangar treasurers.

The Queensland (s.) is off the bar, in Trial Bay, unable to enter.

Several showers of much-needed rain have fallen, and the crops are looking well.

GLEN INNES.

WEDNESDAY.

The Treasurer (Mr. R. A. Lewis) wired, yesterday, £100 as the first contribution to the Irish Relief Fund, and expects to send a similar amount by the end of the week.

It has been blowing a hurricane from the east during the last three days.

YASS.

WEDNESDAY.

The man Coulthard, who confessed to the murder of his wife in England, still adheres to his statement.

Two nominations have been lodged for the Municipal Council. Three additional vacancies exist, which the Government will be asked to fill up.

The first Court of Petty Sessions was held in the new Court-house to-day. The Police Magistrate, Mr. Yates, delivered a short address, congratulating the public on the opening of such a magnificent building.

At a public meeting, held this evening, the Mayor in the chair, resolutions and a petition were carried unanimously in favour of the Education Bill, but suggesting the omission of the twelfth clause, deeming it unnecessary if the eighth clause was passed into law. The petition was numerously signed after the meeting.

WENTWORTH.

WEDNESDAY.

A branch of the Irish Relief Fund has been initiated here, and a meeting was held on Monday, the Mayor presiding, when over £80 was subscribed in the room. This day the amount was supplemented by £38, which was telegraphed to Sydney as a first instalment.

MUDGE.

WEDNESDAY.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the hospital was held last evening, the Rev. A. McEwen in the chair. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and a committee of management was elected for the present year. Mr. Osain was nominated to the Colonial Secretary as trustee, vice Archbishop Guthrie, deceased.

The annual meeting of the members of the Pastoral and Agricultural Association was held to-day. Mr. Robert Lowe, J.P., in the chair. The Hon. G. A. Cox was elected president, and Robert Lowe, A. Cox, George Rouse vice-presidents, for the ensuing year. A committee of management was also elected. A letter was read from the Farmers' Association, in reference to the amalgamation of the two bodies. The proposition was favourably received, and a sub-committee was appointed to meet certain members of the Farmers' Association with that object in view.

The weather has been very stormy during the past few days.

BATHURST.

WEDNESDAY.

A Court of Appraisement was opened yesterday by Surveyor Crouch, for the purpose of determining the value of improvements put upon 250 acres of land in the county of Westmoreland, parish of Jocelyn, claimed by virtue of improvements, by two selectors named Simmonds and Campbell, residing at Campbell's River. The case did not conclude until this afternoon. From the facts disclosed it appeared that in the year 1853 Campbell selected the land and commenced at once to put on im-

provements by fencing, clearing, &c. In a few months he received a notification from the Minister for Lands that his selection was portion of a gold-field reserve. Campbell, however, continued to improve the land, thinking that when the reserve was cancelled he would get the first chance. In 1875 it was revoked without his knowledge, and Simmonds selected the ground, and commenced to make his improvements. Campbell protested to the Minister against his improvements being overlooked, and the matter has been in dispute ever since. The Minister lately authorised Mr. H. Crouch to hold a Court of Appraisement, so that the claim of each party might be fairly tested. After hearing the evidence, which was voluminous, and of a very conflicting nature, Crouch said that he would take a day or so to make his appraisal, after which he would communicate the result to the Minister.

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SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF HORSES.

BUNKER and WOLFE have received instructions from the undersigned breeders and owners, to offer a public competition a large number of blood and heavy draught stock, on account of—
Mr. A. J. Donnan, Barossa, Singleton.
Mr. John Broome, Macquarie-place, Singleton.
Robert Bruce, Warrego, Sydney, England.
Mr. M. J. Bonhomme, Pittacree.
Mr. John Vercoe, Bulwara.
Mrs. Thomas Penn, Warrego, Sydney.
Mr. Thomas Ward, Barmahdown.
Mr. N. Kinchall, Warrego.
Mr. N. Johnson, Goulburn.
Mr. J. T. Jones, Brisbanefield.
Mr. J. V. Junior, Berry Park.
Mr. Robert Graham, Danmore.
Mr. W. A. Damarisco, St. Aubin's.
Mr. S. Hough, Richmond.

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF HORSES.

Heavy Draught Clydesdale Stallion.

BUNKER and WOLFE have received instructions from Mr. Bruce, and G. Graham to sell by auction, on Exhibition Grounds, on FRIDAY, 30th January, the pure bred Clydesdale horse, named—
KING RICHARD (imported), 4 years old.

Pedigree at sale.

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF HORSES.

JANUARY, 1890.

BUNKER and WOLFE have received instructions from Mr. Bruce, of Victoria, England, to sell by auction, on the grounds of the Garden Palace, FRIDAY, 30th January at 10 o'clock.

The highly draught mare, MAGGIE, (imported), awarded 1st prize in her class at the Sydney International Exhibition, 1886.

Maggie is a black mare, and was got by Lord of Lyon. Breeding by Rob. Lyle, dam sold by Emperor by Kilsler.

Maggie's Glenzie warranted the following prices,
1872—1st at Strathvarr.
1873—1st at Strathvarr.
1874—1st at Delbeach.
1874—1st at Sterling, in class of mares any age.
Same date as above.
—1st at Dumbarton in three-year-old class.
—1st at Inverness at Highland Society.
—1st at Kirkcaldy in class of mares any age.
1875—1st at Dumbarton.
—1st at Royal Northumberland, and Cup, as best mare.
—1st at Cairn, and Cup, as best mare on ground.
—1st at Inverness.
1876—1st at Elgin, and Cup, as best mare or filly.
—1st at Laird.
And awarded 1st prize at the Sydney International Exhibition, 1890.

Also,
FILLY, foal, dam Maggie, imported.
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.

IMPORTANT SALE,
DEAUGHT STALLIONS.

G. F. WANT has received instructions from Wall & Dundas Esq., of Inverloch, Goulburn, to sell by auction, on the Exhibition Grounds, on FRIDAY, 30th January, at 10 o'clock a—
The aforementioned pure Clydesdale Stallions, viz.:—
SIR WILLIAM.
(Imported), by Tim. Gifford, by Prince of Wales, de Jessie, who gained first premiums at Maybole and All Shows until debared from exhibition, Times' &c. won a brace of gold medals at the depot of William T. Kerr, the Glasgow Society's premium for two years successively, and was purchased by Sir Mertha of Strathgyllyn, for exportation to Adelaide Stock, £1500.
"LORD CLYDE," Chestnut, 3 years old, sire Scotchman (imported), dam Jean Reid, by Renfrew (imported); g dam, by Cowden Lady (imported); g dam by Jacobus (imported).
The **HIGHWAY CHIEF**, 1 year old, sire, Victor Reid, 2 years old, Dam, Jean Reid, do., do.
Further particulars can be had of G. F. WANT, Hunter-street, Sydney.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have received instructions from W. Dent, Esq., to sell by auction, at the Garden Palace, on FRIDAY, 30th January, 1890, the following horses—
One dark brown filly, foaled October 28, '73, 1st prize at the Sydney International Exhibition, imported by William T. Kerr of Tansy by Ellaster.
One dark brown filly, foaled November, '73, 2nd prize at the Sydney International Exhibition, imported by William T. Kerr of Tansy by Ellaster.
One bay colt, foaled November 24, '78, Menor on Odd Trip by King of Trumps out of No. 4, by Lord of Lyons and foaled by Old General out of No. 1, Lord of Lyons out of acceptre.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION SALES.

T. S. CLIBBORN has been instructed to sell the following horses on FRIDAY, 30th instant, at the HORSE SALEROOM, Garden Palace Grounds,
On account of Messrs. F. Brand and W. S. Settor.
Catalogue No. 113.
Alloway Rank, Bathurst.
Bay draught yearling colt, **PORNE TELLER**, foaled November, 1878—bred by George C. Fisher, Esq., of Winton, Canterbury, imported by William T. Kerr, and imported by Messrs. F. Osborne, Esq., Wellington.
Catalogue No. 114.
Bay yearling draught colt **DREUD**, foaled November, 1878—bred by James H. Smith, Esq., of Victoria, dam Miss Burns, by Bob Burns, imported by T. Debnam, Esq., Victoria, g dam Popper, imported from Tasmania.
On account of Hon. George H. Coe.
Catalogue No. 48.
Pure Red Arab **RIMMET**, imported to New South Wales by F. OSBORNE, Esq., Wellington.
On account of J. R. Domkin, Esq.
Catalogue No. 49.
Chestnut horse Canonica, 3 years, by Amer (imported), dam by Langtonari (imported).
On account of R. Richardson, Esq.
Catalogue No. 8.
Bay horse **MARTIN**, foaled 5 years (bred by T. Honor Judge Luttwiche, Brisbane), by Marlborough from Mayfly, by Newbold's Fisherman, by Pilsen (imported), do.
Bay horse **Hind Baba**, by The Barb, dam by Cosack, grand dam by Hadgi Bars (imported Arab.).
On account of Messrs. Jenkins, Hillwarren.
Catalogue No. 115.
Black horse **VALENTIA**, by Yattendon, from Vanity (dam of Neradeth, etc., etc.).
On account of J. Brunker, Esq.
Catalogue No. 116.
Brown filly, 3 years, by Marlborough, from Minniefoot.
On account of J. R. Domkin, Esq.
Catalogue No. 117.
GLA and
Pail BLACK HORSES, perfect mature (dam prize taken black in saddle, and perfect in harness; set of dowl harness and T. cart.
On account of Thomas Stuart, Esq.
Catalogue No. 118.
Bay horse **PRISM**, aged, by New Warrior (imported) out of Popper, by Cosack out of Peccary, by Auro &c., do.
On account of John Barr, Esq.
Catalogue No. 414.
Bay mare **FRATHE BIRD**, 3 years, by Yattemont out of Popper, by Musford (imported), from Grass &c., do.
On account of A. E. Cornwell, Esq.
Catalogue No. 38.
CHESTNUT COLT, foaled 20th, by Tim. White out of Young Lydia, by Protector (imported) out of Lydia, by Watley out of Peri, by Gratin.
Engaged in "J. C. Silve's and Marce", and Hawkesbury Produce Sales.

T. S. CLIBBORN has for private sales, on 6th inst., a number of HIGH-CLASS Draught and Thoroughbred horses.

Particulars on application.

On account of T. Leely, Esq., Carroon.
Catalogue No. 166.
Bay horse **ELEGANT**, 4 years, bred by H. House, Esq. by Lotfy.
Catalogue No. 222.
Chestnut mare, aged, by Figure, dam Brooclet.
On account of F. Osborne and Co.
Catalogue No. 199.
Grey Gelding, aged, a capital hack.
On account of W. A. Long, Esq.
Hay Colt, foaled 1st Decr, by The Aster (imported) out of Humination (dister to Maria, dam of Samson), by Turron out of Fairy, by Lieutenant out of Aladdin, by John Young, Esq., after he came to the Engraved in A. J. C. Silve's and Marce's Produce Sales, and Hawkesbury Produce Sales.

International Exhibition Horse Sales.

PITTS, SON, and BADGELEY have received instructions to sell by auction, on the Exhibition Grounds, on FRIDAY, 30th January, in their order of sale,
Thoroughbred colts,
For T. Williams, Esq.,
Magnificent coaching stallion "Earl," land (imported)
For J. Williams, Esq.,
Splendid hackney,
For J. Richards, Esq.,
His grand hackney and biggy horse.
Full particulars can be had at sale.
For F. Pooleman, Esq.,
His grand Hackney, 4 years, 15½ hands high, got his father out of Beauty.
PITTS, SON, and BADGELEY.
HUMBLE HORSES, HOUSES.

30 HEAD FRESH COUNTY HORSES.

WILLIAMS INGLEIS has received instructions from Henry Graham, Esq., to sell by auction, at the Campden down Estate, near Oxford, on FRIDAY, 30th Jan., 30 head very superior fresh country horses, from the famous celebrated Newcastle stud, and bearing the name of the Duke of Devonshire. These comprise grey heavy draught colts and fillies, by the best sires of the Hunter district, and are all styled canvas and carriage harness, and good useful hackneys. Among them is one splendid match pair chestnut horse, which will suit for any kind of service.
The whole are in excellent condition, and will be found to be

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